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staffs in the Presidency are kept working, before and after the fixed office hours and during holidays ;

(b) what action Government have taken to give relief to such staff ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the time taken for applying for temporary establishment and getting orders thereon as a rule prevents any relief being applied for, or if applied, the relief granted being availed of and whether therefore the staffs are overworked to keep the percentage required ?

A.—(i) A copy [a] of the rules is annexed.

(ii) (a) Under Standing Order No. 101, Part II of the Registration Manual, the regular establishment is expected to work extra hours to cope with any temporary and inappreciable increase in their duties.

(b) Under Standing Order No. 98, Part II of the Registration Manual, where there is sudden increase of work, which cannot be performed by the ordinary establishment without detriment and inconvenience to the registering public, temporary clerks are appointed.

(c) The Government do not think so.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire whether it is not a fact that in a large number of offices the establishment is made to work on Sundays and holidays also ? "

The hon. the President :—" To what clause does this supplementary question refer ? "

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" It refers to clauses (a), (b) *and* (c). "

The hon. the President :—" It is not admissible. "

Corporation

Action taken on the resolutions passed by the Madras Corporation.

* 1224 Q.—Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(i) how many resolutions concerning action to be taken directly by the several departments of the Executive were passed by the Corporation Council during the year 1927–28 ; and

(ii) how many of them were given effect to and how many were not given effect to by the then Commissioner even without being sent to the heads of departments concerned ; and for what reasons ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 6 of the Administration Report of the Corporation of Madras for 1927–28 which gives a list of the important resolutions passed and the action taken thereon. Copies of the report are on sale at the Municipal office.

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" The answer is very vague, Sir. I am not asking about the important resolutions alone. I am asking how many

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 514-515 infra.

resolutions were given effect to and how many were not given effect to without being sent to the heads of departments concerned. May I request the hon. Minister to give a definite answer to my definite question? The answer already given is vague, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is not entitled to put a supplementary question of that type."

Education

Re-organization scheme of the Education department.

* 1225-A *Q*.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the re-organization scheme of the Education department is ready ;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to better the position and prospects of college assistants in the Subordinate Educational Service so as to attract the best possible material ;

(*c*) how many of the candidates appointed as college assistants during the last seven years hold research qualifications or have taken a first class in their University Degree examinations ;

(*d*) whether the subordinate service officers (teaching line) do practically the same work as officers of the M.E.S. and I.E.S. and take even B.A. and Honours classes ; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to consult the Legislative Council before passing final orders ?

A.—(*a*) No, the question is under consideration.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The information required is not available with Government. They do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by collecting the information.

(*d*) The answer to the first part of the clause is in the negative. What responsible work is done by the Subordinate Educational Service is performed under the guidance of the higher officers whose function it is to accept responsibility for the organization and efficiency of their respective departments and to arrange for the distribution of work.

(*e*) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know when the scheme will be formulated ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As soon as we receive the sanction of the Government of India. The scheme has already been submitted to them."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" With reference to clause (*b*), may I know in what manner, Sir ? "

The hon Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" This is not a matter which was referred to the Government of India ; it can be done by the Local Government. The Finance Committee have accepted our recommendation."